

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 896

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: DJ, PINS, PDEV  
SUBJ: AFAR DEMANDS ON PRESIDENT GOULED

REF: DJIBOUTI 866

1. PRESIDENT GOULED HAS NOT MET THE THREE DEMANDS MADE OF HIM BY PRIME MINISTER ABDALLAH KAMIL AND THE AFAR PARLIAMENTARY GROUP. THE AFARS ARRESTED FOLLOWING THE PALMIER EN ZINC TERRORIST INCIDENT IN DECEMBER REMAIN IN PRISON, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS ADJOURNED WITHOUT HAVING BEEN PRESENTED WITH A DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR CONSIDERATION, AND NO PLEDGE HAS BEEN MADE TO INCREASE THE AFAR PRESENCE IN THE ARMY TO FIFTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL (HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE IS NOW CONSIDERING FUNDING THREE HUNDRED MORE POSITIONS IN THE ARMY ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE AND ONE HUNDRED PLACES AS YET UNFILLED WILL BE RESERVED FOR AFARS.  
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IF THE FUNDING IS EVENTUALLY APPROVED AND PRESIDENT GOULED ENSURES THAT THE POSITIONS ARE INDEED FILLED BY AFARS, MUCH OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LAST DEMAND WILL HAVE BEEN MET).

2. FRENCH AMBASSADPR BELIEVES PRIME MINISTER ABDALLAH KAMIL MIGHT STILLMAKE GESTURE OF SUBMITTING HIS RESIGNATION AS PRIME MINISTER BEFORE JUNE 27 INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, BUT

WOULD ATTEMPT TO RETAIN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
DEFENSE. WHILE THIS WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO PRESIDENT  
GOULED, IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY ADVANCE AFAR CAUSE. GOULED  
MAY BE SLOW TO DECIDE AND OBO MUCH INFLUENCED BY HARD LINE ISSA  
ADVISORS, BUT HE REPRESENTS DJIBOUTI'S BEST CHANCE OF CON-  
STRUCTING A VIABLE POLITY IN WHICH AFARS AND ISSAS BOTH BELIEVE  
THEY HAVE A STAKE.  
A DIRECT CONFRONTATION AT THIS TIME MAY MAKE IT EVEN MORE  
DIFFICULT FOR  
GOULED TO PROVIDE SOME OF THE CONCRETE REASSURANCES  
THE AFAR GROUP SEEKS.  
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